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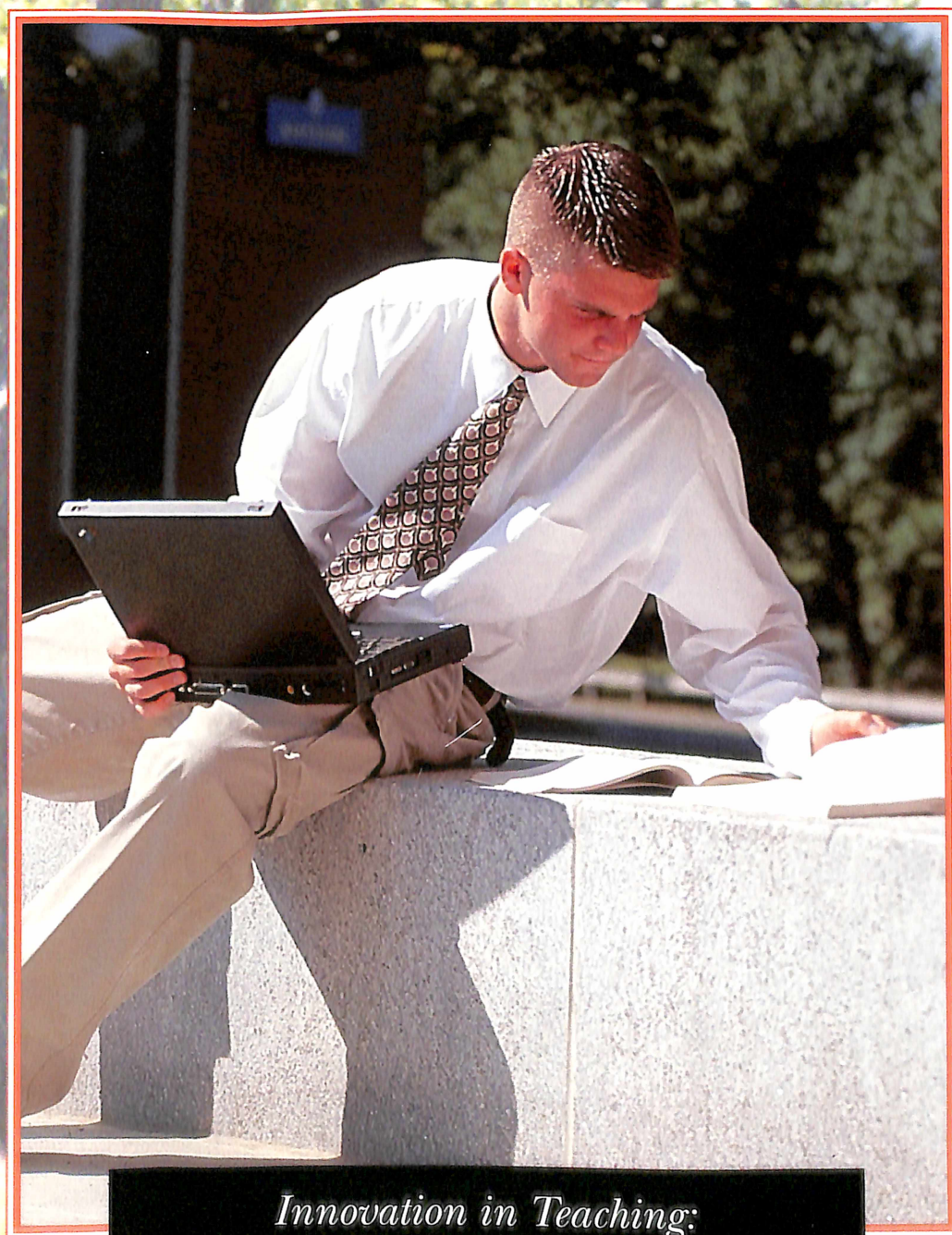
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— MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT —

The Merrimack story is powerful. It is one of transformation, of commitment and of dedication. Our many successes, such as our recent 10-year reaccreditation by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC), are bringing attention to the committed work of our entire community. And the story does not end there.

The story is told by your successes, our many alumni who have gone on to do outstanding work in your fields and who have tremendous pride in being a Merrimack grad. The story is told by our dedicated faculty members who engage our students in active learning and research and who encourage and guide them to reach their fullest potential as they leave the college. Our faculty, administrators and staff serve as role models and mentors, and have a deep commitment to providing the best educational experience for all our students.

And, of course, the Merrimack story is about our students. The quality and caliber of our students is at the heart of our excellence. Every year a talented pool of students seeks admission to Merrimack, and we are becoming an increasingly competitive and demanding school with greater expectations of our students. Our students thrive in the intense academic experience at Merrimack and, after graduation, they move on to exciting opportunities in the world of business, not-for-profits, and in graduate schools. Their experiences, both on campus and

after graduation, reflect well on the excellence and value of a Merrimack education in the Augustinian tradition.

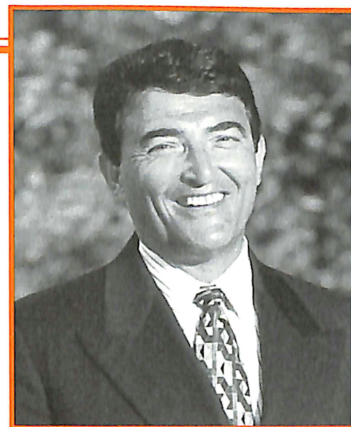
As we continue our drive to preeminence, future chapters in our story of transformation will focus on ensuring excellence in our academic curriculum and providing challenging opportunities for the personal and ethical development of our students. Our vision for the future also includes a commitment to increasing diversity on our campus so that the experience of our students better mirrors that of the world in which they will work and live. And it is more important than ever that we continue to share Merrimack's successes with as many as possible so they have a clear understanding of what we are all about.

We have worked hard to obtain the level of achievement that Merrimack experiences today and I am proud to tell our story. It is one in which we can all take great pride.

Sincerely,



Richard J. Santagati
President, Merrimack College



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NEW RESIDENCE TO BE BUILT AT MERRIMACK COLLEGE, DEMAND HIGH

To meet the growing demand for residency at Merrimack, the college has broken ground for a new residence building on campus which will open in August 2003. The new 210-bed residence for sophomores and juniors, the second residence to be built at Merrimack in five years, will be located to the left of Monican Boulevard, creating a quadrangle between Monican Centre and the townhouses.

The demand from students to live on campus continues to be extremely high, and students from various geographic areas beyond Massachusetts are increasingly applying for admission to Merrimack. As applications to Merrimack continue to increase (up 12% from 2000), residency requests continue to increase as well. Since 1996, residency requests have increased 84%. In 2001, 93% of incoming freshmen requested housing; 96% of freshmen applicants for fall 2002 have requested housing. The new residence will also help to avoid overcrowding in existing residences.

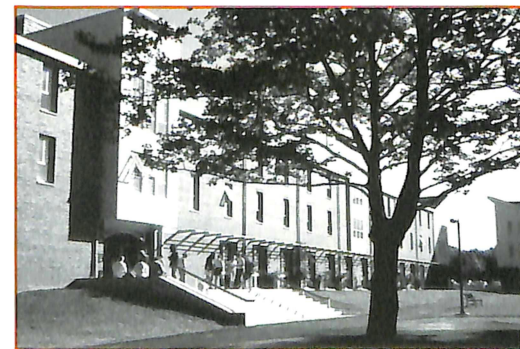
True to the college's current strategic plan that has the goal of 80% residency, the addition of a new residence building will not increase the total student population. It is the belief of the college that the current size of the student body contributes to the quality of the learning experience.

The new 57,000-square-foot residence will be three stories and its exterior will mirror Deegan Hall, our newest residence built in 1998. Suite-style units will accommodate groups of four, six and eight students. All rooms will be wired for the Internet and will have phone and cable television hook-ups. It will also include seminar rooms, a small multi-purpose room, vending, laundry and more.

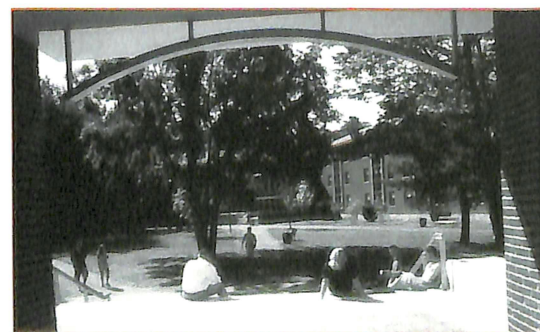
The estimated cost is \$10 million. The project's architect is Sasaki Associates, who designed the Sakowich Campus Center and the Rogers Center for the Arts.

LIVING AT MERRIMACK TODAY

As Merrimack has transformed from a commuter to a residential college over the years, it has moved from approximately 40% residency to about 70% today. The goal of the college's strategic plan is to reach 80% total residency without increasing the size of the student body. Today at Merrimack, approximately 1,360 students live in a variety of residences.



Photos by Kendra Cluff



ASH CENTRE, built 1960

MONICAN CENTRE, built 1961

TOWNHOUSES, built 1969

ST. THOMAS APARTMENTS, built 1986

ST. ANN APARTMENTS, built 1988

DEEGAN CENTER, built 1998

MERRIMACK EARNS 10-YEAR ACCREDITATION FROM NEASC

President Richard J. Santagati has announced that Merrimack College has been granted reaccreditation for the maximum period of ten years by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC). The accreditation is the result of a self-study and a site visit by a team of nine members who met with many constituents

of the college last fall.

"The positive results of our NEASC visit affirms the great strides that Merrimack College has made in the last ten years."

The Commission commended Merrimack for "improving its financial position through the achievement of a stable operating budget and a successful capital campaign" that substantially increased the college's endowment. In addition, the Commission "takes favorable note of the college's clear mission, supported through its Office of Mission Effectiveness, and the

demonstrated commitment on the part of the faculty and staff to the students and their educational experience. The self-study reflected an increasing ability on the part of the institution to identify and develop means to address key actions which will continue to improve its overall effectiveness. In sum, the Commission finds Merrimack College to have become a demonstrably stronger institution over the last decade."

"The positive results of our NEASC visit affirms the great strides that Merrimack College has made in the last ten years," said Santagati. "It further acknowledges the dedicated efforts of our faculty and staff who have committed themselves to the college and its students and who work hard to continually improve the Merrimack experience. I am extremely pleased at the outcome and grateful to the NEASC team members who have provided us with important insights and guidance as we continue to address a number of critical issues. With everyone's continued support and commitment, we continue on our mission of making Merrimack the preeminent Catholic college in the Northeast."

The college will submit a five-year interim report in fall 2006 on our progress and success in several areas, as requested by the Commission. The Board of Trustees is providing leadership for a plan to implement recommendations made by NEASC.

NEASC is one of eight accrediting commissions in the United States that provides institutional accreditation on a regional basis. Merrimack College has been accredited by the Commission since 1953 and was last reviewed in 1991. Accreditation is voluntary. The Commission, which is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education, accredits approximately 200 institutions in New England.

PRESIDENTIAL TASK FORCE EXPLORES PLAN FOR INCREASED DIVERSITY AT MERRIMACK

As part of a college-wide commitment, President Santagati has established the Presidential Task Force on Diversity and Cultural Awareness on the recommendation of a college-wide committee of faculty, administrators, staff, and students.

Last fall, the committee developed and recommended a strategic plan for diversity as well as a "Statement on Diversity at Merrimack College." The goal is increased diversity among the student body as well as the faculty, administration and staff, and to promote understanding and acceptance of different ethnic, racial groups and many other differences that you find in any community, such as sexual orientation, urban, rural.

The task force will ensure that the recently adopted strategic plan for diversity moves forward over the next two to three years, and it will also provide support and advice to the Office of Cultural Awareness and Diversity.

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STATEMENT ON DIVERSITY ADOPTED BY MERRIMACK COLLEGE

As a Catholic college, Merrimack celebrates cultural pluralism in the Church and in the world, and as an Augustinian community committed to justice and peace, we affirm and accept all that is enriching and inspiring in the great variety and diversity of human culture, language and religion.

The commitment of Merrimack College to honor and advance diversity embodies a vigilant, constructive and creative pledge to ensure that all racial, ethnic, cultural and

social groups dedicated to discourse and mutual respect are full partners in our common educational quest. The unique experiences and particular perspectives of such partners in the search for knowledge and wisdom contribute to a rich interdisciplinary and multi-cultural curriculum.

Our focus on diversity is guided by the following principles:

- Knowledge is best sought and acquired through experiences of co-operative, respectful and lively exchange among many cultures and social groups.
- Any one intellectual tradition, cultural heritage, social group or philosophical stance can be enriched by creative engagement with other perspectives.
- As an educational community committed to dynamic, active teaching and learning, our curricular and co-curricular structures and programs must ensure that diverse voices are heard and oppressed groups empowered as partners in our common journey through knowledge to wisdom.

Efforts to achieve greater diversity at Merrimack College include an institutional commitment involving:

- A college-wide conversation to advance our understanding of the various meanings and roles of multiculturalism.
- An invitation to departments, divisions and other college constituencies to examine how their programs contribute to diversity at the college.
- A program to recruit students, faculty, administrators and staff in ways that encourage and advance diversity.
- Programs of professional and student development that advance our awareness and enrich our understanding of diversity.
- Community events that highlight and celebrate cultural diversity and intercultural cooperation.
- Advocacy of diversity as an educational priority in the current college conversation on pedagogy.

MERRIMACK CELEBRATES EARTH DAY IN THE CITY

The Merrimack community was out in full force on Saturday, April 20 for "Merrimack in the City/Earth Day." More than 100 students, faculty and staff volunteered their time to help clean up and beautify eight sites in Lawrence, Mass. as well as on the Merrimack campus. The group painted over graffiti, painted retaining walls off Route 495 near the entrance to the city, painted apartments for teen mothers with the Lawrence YWCA, and much more.



Students painted the retaining wall at the entrance to the city of Lawrence, Mass.

This fall approximately 150 incoming students will enter the Girard School of Business and International Commerce as the Class of 2006. Many of these young adults were born in the year 1984 – just three years after the introduction of the IBM personal computer. These students have grown up with technology– they're comfortable with it and are proficient at using Windows, word-processing software, the Internet and E-mail. They also have the expectation that computers will be a part of their classroom experience.

As part of a pilot program, Merrimack College has launched a new laptop initiative designed to more fully integrate the business school students'

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experience with technology...to provide them with a similar learning environment that they'll find in the workplace. "Students will be learning on a technology platform that they'll be encountering when they graduate," says Edward Popper, Dean of the Girard School of Business and International Commerce.

The college is also in the midst of revising its business school curriculum for class of 2006. "This new class will encounter a somewhat different business school experience than we've had before," says Dean Popper. "The rate at which technology keeps changing forces us to be more innovative in how we teach our classes. Each required course for a business degree will now require students to use technology – whether it

FIRST-YEAR BUSINESS SCHOOL STUDENTS FULFILL NEW LAPTOP REQUIREMENT

Freshman computing initiative met with great enthusiasm

By Jocelyne Fauerbach

be spreadsheets, databases or presentation software." Popper is careful to note that although professors will be teaching technology-facilitated courses, by no means should this be considered distance education. "We still have the

same mission – which is teaching our students to be professional leaders. That is something you just can't do online – that's done through close interaction between students and professors – up close and face-to-face."

"This initiative," says Popper, "will ensure that technology among the business school students is uniform. Students will have all the available software they'll need loaded right onto the machines. The sharing and collaboration that will be possible among students and with professors is very exciting."

The laptop requirement also means that students can use technology as an information source – anytime – anywhere. "It's no longer the case that students are limited to their dorm rooms, the library, or the computer center in order to work. They'll be able to plug into the campus center or share information with a classmate over lunch in the cafeteria," says Popper.

Each incoming freshman student will be assessed a \$750 per semester technology fee which in return will give them use of a brand new, state-of-

the-art IBM A30 Think Pad. These wireless machines, which retail for close to \$3000, are loaded with a Pentium IV processor and all of the software that students will be expected to use in their business courses. Training on these new machines will be conducted during freshman orientation as well as throughout the semester. The technology fee also includes same-day service and insurance against loss, theft and accidental damage. If necessary, freshmen can roll the technology fee into their student loans, just as they can with book



Computers are a significant part of today's classroom experience.

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purchases. At the beginning of the students' junior year, the Think Pads will be replaced with newer models and upon graduation, students will have the option of buying their computers for fair market value or trading them in against the price of a newer machine purchased with the college's discount.

According to Dean Popper, the percentage of business schools that require students to purchase a laptop is relatively high. "Massachusetts business schools like Bentley and Babson College have had this requirement in place for several years, but we're probably the first among schools like us ... small liberal arts colleges with a professional school ... to be doing this," notes Popper.

"The incoming students that I've spoken with, as well as their parents, are really thrilled about the whole program," says Popper. "Many students receive computers as graduation gifts and often they're left wondering whether they have the best technology and if it will be compatible with campus equipment. This new laptop initiative takes the guesswork out of the process. The professors are excited too," he says. "There is now a real capacity for online collaboration both in and out of the classroom," notes Popper.

The following is an excerpt from an April 15, 2002 article in The Eagle-Tribune:

STUDENTS TO USE BEETLE TO CONTROL PURPLE FLOWER

The Eagle-Tribune

By Ethan Forman,
Eagle-Tribune Writer

A group of neighbors and Merrimack College students plan to fight an invasive purple weed choking wetlands of Martins Pond in North Reading, Mass. with a tiny, foreign beetle.

The Galerucella leaf beetle, a bug native to Europe, will be used to control the beautiful invader called purple loosestrife.

This biological control experiment is being aided by an environmental management class at Merrimack College in North Andover.

The students and the professor are acting as environmental consultants, doing the dirty work and saving taxpayers money on consulting fees. They are mapping the area, growing purple loosestrife, and studying environmental regulations.

"We are really viewing ourselves as nonpaid consultants," said Professor Jonathan Lyon, who will present his class's findings at Town Hall April 30.

It was the Martins Pond Association that pushed for the introduction of the beetle by contacting the Massachusetts Wetlands Restoration Program, and getting a permit from state and federal authorities, said Janet E. Nicosia, co-chairwoman of the association.

Lythrum salicaria, purple loosestrife's scientific name, has thick foliage and spiked flowers. Its roots form thick mats. It has already choked acres of wetlands at the southern end of Martins Pond. Neighbors feel that if Martins Brook, the pond's outlet, remains clogged, it will only worsen flooding.

Purple loosestrife is not easy to control. It is resistant to draining, burning, digging, spraying and cutting. The plant has no natural enemies in North America.

It is hoped the tiny leaf beetle - about 4 to 6 millimeters long - will munch its way to the rescue, clearing the weed. The beetles don't bite humans, and prefer only purple loosestrife.

The 92-acre Martins Pond sits in the northwest corner of town, just south of the Andover border and west of Route 28. Dozens of small streets with modest homes border its east and west banks.

Settlers in the early 1800s first brought purple loosestrife to New England for its look and for its use as an herbal remedy. It also found its way here as seeds in ships' ballast.

Today, wildlife officials must contend with it choking wetlands in the United States and Canada. To fight the plant, the Martins Pond Association enlisted the help of Lyon's environmental management class.

The students are hoping to speed up the process of the beetle's introduction, by putting them on plants made to sprout early in a greenhouse.

If the adult beetles were released in the summer, it would take a whole year before they would be ready to lay eggs, Lyon said.

"Having Merrimack involved, doing this for us, is giving us a whole year's jump on the project," Nicosia said.

In March, the class pulled 40 root balls from wetlands at Martins Pond. The plants are now growing in black plastic pots under lights in a greenhouse on the top of the Mendel Science Center.

When the stems are 18 inches tall, the beetles will be placed on stems wrapped with mesh.

It's expected the beetles will establish themselves on the plants and lay eggs. When the hungry larvae hatch, they will go to work. On June 1, the class will return the beetle-infested plants to Martins Pond, hoping the bugs will spread.

The students said they like the hands-on approach.

"It's kind of a win-win situation for Martins Pond and Merrimack College," said senior Mike C. Rock, 22, of North Andover.

The students have also wrestled with the ethics of biological control, using one species to control another. The beetles have been released safely in 27 states, including Massachusetts, since it was approved for use in 1992.

"There are problems with everything you do. You've just got to weigh your options," said senior Jamie M. Barberi, 22, of Point Pleasant, N.J.

The students, including junior Stephanie M. Ackroyd, 22, of Windham, Maine; senior Mike C. Marino, 22, of Lynn, and senior Diane M. Ferland, 21, of Woonsocket, R.I., said studies show the beetles only lay eggs on purple loosestrife.

Lyon said he and future students will track the release of the beetles.

"It's still an exotic species. It's one thing to say 'release it. It's not going to have an effect'... I like to take the qualitative approach," Lyon said.



Merrimack College students Stephanie M. Ackroyd, 20 (left) and Mike C. Rock, 22, report the plant getting it ready for the Galerucella beetle.

Photo by Mark Lorenz/Eagle-Tribune

The U. S. Department of Agriculture first approved the beetles' use in 1992, according to the nonprofit Association of Massachusetts Wetland Scientists.

Since 1996, officials have released 50,000 to 60,000 beetles at the Parker River National Wildlife Refuge on Plum Island (Mass.).

There's no evidence there they have jumped to native plants, said

Deborah Melvin, a refuge wildlife biologist. The beetles

have controlled purple loosestrife, but not eliminated it.

"It's not a miracle worker here," Melvin said. "It kind of keeps it in check. It keeps it in balance so other plants can compete," Melvin said.

Neighbors and experts said the beetle will control the weed, but not eradicate it.

RELEASE OF BEETLES DELAYED DUE TO WET SPRING

According to Biology Professor Jonathon Lyon, the beetles were released on June 15, about two weeks later than originally planned due to the cooler and wetter weather the area experienced this spring.

Two students returned this summer to introduce the beetles to Martins Pond, and in the fall, the juniors who were in the class will continue to monitor the beetles. The activity of the beetles and their effect on the loosestrife in the pond will be monitored for the next three years. Lyon points out that, because the loosestrife is so well established in the pond, area residents may not see much of a difference this summer, but next year should see a noticeable reduction in loosestrife.

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MERRIMACK COLLEGE ONLY COLLEGE IN NATION TO CONFER DEGREE ON FDNY

Merrimack College's 52nd Commencement on Sunday, May 19 saw 492 students graduate and three honorary degrees conferred, including one on the New York City Fire Department (FDNY). Merrimack was the only college in the nation to bestow an honorary degree upon the FDNY, paying tribute to the men and women who serve as an example of service and heroic humanitarian efforts. The valor and courage of the department's members mirror the principles that Merrimack hopes its students will embrace for life.

On behalf of the FDNY, 28-year veteran firefighter Matthew James accepted the honorary degree. In a brief address that drew applause several times as well as two standing ovations, he said of September 11, "We were scared, but we were alive, and we were not going to give in. We did our jobs and we showed the world what the price of freedom is all about."

College Graduates 492 Students

He went on to praise the graduates, calling them the "next greatest generation." He said, "I have the utmost confidence it (the future) is in good hands. Service to others and your communities will prove you worthy to take your place in our history as the greatest generation the country has ever produced. You have the tools to change the world. Remember the lessons that your teachers and parents have taught you, and never forget what you have seen and experienced. Keep your eyes open, and help each other. Someday, looking back, people will refer to you as 'The Greatest Generation.'"

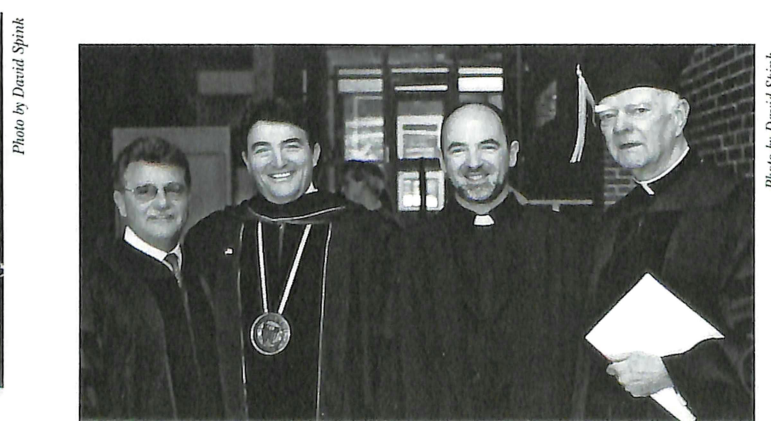
Honorary degrees were also conferred on Father Thomas C. Kenny, O.S.A., prior of Our Mother of Good Counsel Monastery, who has held several positions at the college and who is widely responsible for

planting more than 1,000 trees on the Merrimack campus, and on Father Feidhlimidh Turlough Magennis, senior lecturer in religious studies at St. Mary's University College at Queens University of Belfast, Northern Ireland, who has worked across Europe developing an international approach to peace education.

Father Magennis delivered the commencement address, telling the nearly 4,500 in attendance about his experience walking with mothers and young children to school during times of unrest in Northern Ireland, saying, "For these people, education is a privilege worth suffering for – a point to remember today as we celebrate your education." He said that "a liberal education enables us to be truly human and truly humane" and that "education is the foundation for a peaceful society. My message for you today is to live out the implications of the education we are now celebrating."



Commencement day 2002 dawned bright and sunny with no sign of the May snow that had fallen just 24 hours earlier.



President Richard J. Santagati (second from left) welcomed the honorary degree recipients (left to right) Matthew James, Father Feidhlimidh Magennis and Father Thomas Kenny, O.S.A.

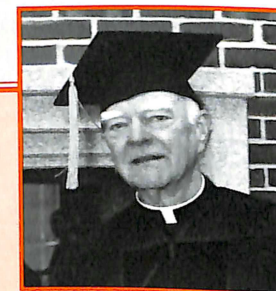
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FLORA FLOURISHES ON CAMPUS THANKS TO FATHER KENNY

The following is an excerpt of a speech delivered by Professor Marguerite Kane as she presented Father Kenny to President J. Santagati for an honorary Doctorate of Education honoris causa at this year's Commencement.

The first 25 years of Merrimack College's existence witnessed the transformation of 240 acres of open fields and pastures of New England farmland into a remarkably attractive campus with many buildings, tree-lined walks, benches, athletic fields and sweeping green lawns landscaped with a variety of flowering plants and trees. One who played a most significant part in this transformation is Rev. Thomas C. Kenny, O.S.A. In the 1950's, Father Cullen, one of the first Augustinians at the college, began to plant trees and flowers around the first campus buildings then under construction. However, building a new college demanded that resources be put in to hiring faculty, putting up buildings and purchasing equipment, rather than into landscaping.

Little was done during those early years to enhance the natural beauty of the campus. Then, in September 1965, Father Kenny became vice president of financial affairs at the college. From the moment he arrived, he set about adding a new and special dimension to the campus, planting trees and softening the harshness of the college's rocky and unadorned hilltop site. For seven years, this Augustinian with a vision of a more verdant and varied campus planted more than 1,000 trees and 5,000 other plants across the length and breadth of Merrimack's campus. Future generations of undergraduates would sit in the shade of the trees that this farsighted



Father Thomas C. Kenny, O.S.A. is credited with beautifying the college's campus in its early years.

Photo by David Spink

Rev. Thomas C. Kenny, O.S.A. was recognized for his dedication to the Augustinian Order and its educational mission as well as for his contribution to the physical, fiscal and spiritual dimensions of Merrimack College. Father Kenny was ordained a priest in 1956 at the Collegiate Church of Christ the Teacher at Merrimack College and has served as prior at Our Mother of Good Counsel Monastery on campus since 1994. In addition, he has held numerous positions at the college between 1966 and 1980, including bursar, treasurer, and vice president for financial affairs. He served as vice president for operations where he oversaw the building of McQuade Library, the S. Peter Volpe Athletic Complex, Hamel Infirmary and the townhouses. Father Kenny was a member of the college's Board of Trustees for 16 years. Father Kenny taught Moral Theology at Villanova from 1957 through 1966. He also served as headmaster at Austin Preparatory School in Reading between 1980 and 1988. He holds a B.A. and an M.A. in history from Villanova University and he studied theology at the Augustinian College in Washington, D.C. Father Kenny served on the USS Eugene during World War II after graduating from high school.

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Augustinian planted in the latter part of the 20th century.

Surrounding the (Volpe Sports Complex) are trees that Father Kenny preserved during the original construction of this athletic complex. Between the administration building and college library, almost every tree there was planted by Father Kenny. On the college's eastern boundary, screening it from the highway, is a remarkable symmetrical row of sugar maples put there by Father Kenny. Of the 34 sugar maples he planted more than 30 years ago, 33 have survived.

As a young and struggling school, Merrimack did not have much money for landscaping, so in addition to buying what he could, Father Kenny also approached people who had trees that they might be persuaded to donate to the college. While perfecting his drives at a local driving range, he noticed at the back of the property a magnificent group of older yews including somewhat rare golden yews. After several conversations with the owner of the property, Father Kenny finally convinced him to sell them to Merrimack.

When asked how much he would be able to pay for the yews, Father Kenny replied, "Not as much as they are worth." The farmer who owned the property laughed and said, "Maybe we can work something out. But if you do take them, I want you to fill in the areas where you dig them out." Father Kenny said, "I think I can do that," knowing that because of campus construction going on at the time a large pile of soil had to be removed. So, we were able to acquire plants that flourish today in many places on campus for "some dollars and some dirt." It was this acumen and diligence that was part of what made him such a fine choice for vice president for financial affairs at the college.

WHERE THEY'RE HEADED

Following Commencement 2002, students are scattering across the world to begin the next stages of their lives. Here are a few of their future destinations:

Michael Marino '02 will attend the University of Massachusetts Intergraduate School for Marine Studies based at the Marine Research Station of UMASS-Dartmouth in New Bedford. He intends to pursue a master's degree in Marine Science and Technology with a concentration in Fisheries. He will work out of the Georges Bank Sea Scallop Research program which includes six trips at sea during the summers as part of a

fishery management program. He was awarded a \$20,000 research assistantship award for each year in the program.

An environmental management major at Merrimack, Marino worked in Alaska during last summer with the Bureau of Land Management. He worked in a remote field 350 miles northwest of Fairbanks counting salmon to help determine their level of population decline. While there, he worked with the United States Geological Survey Biological Research Division conducting carcass sampling and mapping streams. Ultimately, Marino hopes to work for a governmental agency in fisheries management.



Michael Marino '02 in Alaska where he worked with the Bureau of Land Management during the summer of 2001.

Aniela Anderson '02

is headed for the prestigious London School of Economics in the fall where she will pursue her master's degree in sociology.

She will continue her research on "Affluenza" studying the effects of wealth on people, which she began during her junior year. Anderson earned a bachelor of arts in sociology with minors in women's studies and religious studies.



Aniela Anderson

Alyce Koehler '02 is a business management major who accepted a position as claimant case manager at Liberty Mutual. She manages workers' compensation claims.

Some students are choosing to continue the Augustinian spirit of volunteerism that they experienced on campus during their four years. Four recent graduates will spend 10 months volunteering their time as Augustinian volunteers assigned across the country. They are **Sean Chase, Jennifer Caccavaro, Kevin Martin, and Frank Penny**. Caccavaro, the president of student government in 2001-2002, will teach English to and mentor immigrants and children in the Bronx, New York. She has plans to attend graduate school after this assignment. Martin, who worked in Campus Ministry during his four years at Merrimack, hopes to go to an international site, such as Peru or Italy.

YAS AWARDS RECOGNIZE SENIOR RESEARCH, YASSINI ANNOUNCES NEW FACULTY GRANT

Entrepreneur Rouzbeh Yassini, founder and chief executive officer of YAS Broadband Ventures, LLC of Andover, Mass., visited Merrimack recently to promote and reward excellence on the part of graduating seniors. He also announced a \$25,000 annual grant that will extend the program to faculty. The YAS Faculty Fellowship will award two grants of \$12,500 each to deserving faculty research; details will be announced at a later date.

A total of nine winners of the second annual YAS Senior Honors Awards were announced, recognizing academic initiative, originality and achievement above and beyond that required by a student's major. Nearly 50 students submitted projects for consideration for the cash prizes made possible by Yassini's commitment.

Yassini viewed student poster presentations, presented the YAS awards and briefly spoke about his motivation in partnering with Merrimack to encourage and recognize student achievement.

Winning projects included such projects as "A Look at Social

Inequality in Modern India: A Sociological Perspective," "A Xenopus Myosin, Xmyr4, is Localized to Developing Brain and Spinal Cord" and "Porsche Customer Service Quality."

Well known as a pioneer in the development of high-speed communications and as the father of the cable modem, Rouzbeh Yassini is widely recognized within the broadband and consumer electronics industry for his vision, his perseverance and his intellectual courage. He hopes that the YAS Awards will encourage students to make a sustained commitment to excellence and achievement.

Named by CED magazine as "1998 Man of the Year" for creating and fostering the multi-billion-dollar cable modem "broadband" industry, Yassini has held executive positions at YAS Corporation, LANcity Corporation, Applitek Corporation, Proteon, Inc. and General Electric before establishing YAS Broadband Ventures, LLC. He earned a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering from the University of West Virginia after emigrating from his native Iran in 1977.

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- "A Xenopus Myosin, Xmyr4, is Localized to Developing Brain and Spinal Cord"
- "Porsche Customer Service Quality"

FACULTY UPDATE

PROFESSOR'S RESEARCH HAS MERRIMACK NAMED AS A NATIONAL VIRTUAL LAB

What connection does Merrimack College have to the Department of Energy (DOE) and scientists from Japan, Europe, Russia and America? The answer is Physics Professor Doug White. His work has Merrimack College listed on a DOE Web site as a Virtual Lab that shares information with other researchers around the world.

White, who has been at Merrimack for seven years, has been conducting research on the thermal conductivity of materials since graduate school at the University of Connecticut. Specifically, White has been researching and contributing to an international project to create a fusion reactor that will harness energy in the form of hydrogen.

"This has the potential to be a major power source that gets us away from fossil fuels and a lot of the problems that are going on in the world today," says White. As he explains, a fusion reactor is a machine that is designed to allow a fusion reaction, when two hydrogen atoms combine to make a helium atom, to occur. Fusion reactions, much the same reaction that occurs in any star and the sun, emit a large amount of energy. White's main research of late has been to research the best material to be used as a port inside this device, allowing microwaves to pass through the object and heat the hydrogen atoms to a high enough temperature for fusion to occur.



Assistant Professor of Physics Douglas White

The goal of this work, explains White, "is to one day build a commercial plant that will use a fusion reactor as a source of heat and energy to create electrical power. Particularly relevant in this age of diminishing fossil fuels, it is potentially a source of energy for our country and for the world." Although he admits this still could be 20 to 25 years away, White and the Department of Energy agree that it remains worthwhile.

This type of energy is particularly attractive because of the plentiful nature of hydrogen, the absence of radioactive by-products of the reaction, and because the radioactive hydrogen used, tritium, is relatively benign with a half-life of 12 years, minimizing handling problems.

The DOE web site that lists Merrimack College as a virtual lab is mainly for users of the fusion materials community who want a connection to other research materials having to do with fusion and fusion reactors. White continues to be involved in the crucial development of these new machines and has designed some of the experiments that have been done in Japan and the United States. He has a three-year grant from the Department of Energy to continue this work.

"I enjoy sharing my work and research with my students. It gets the students excited about science and their everyday world and how it might impact them in the future," says White.

To check out the virtual lab Web site, visit www.fusionmaterials.pnl.gov.

MERRIMACK PROFESSORS PRESENT INTERNATIONALLY

Art Ledoux, professor of philosophy, has been invited to present his paper on Augustine and Buddha at several conferences this spring and summer, including one in India. Depending on the tense political situation, Ledoux will present the paper, which explores St. Augustine as a possible bridge between Buddhists and Christians, in early August at the Society of Indian Philosophy and Religion in Calcutta, India. He presented at the American Academy of Religion's (AARR) Pacific Northwest Regional meeting in Eugene, Oregon in early May. Last spring he also presented the paper to the AARR's New England and Maritime's Newton held at Brandeis University.

DR. MARK BIRNBAUM NAMED PAUL E. MURRAY FELLOW

Dr. Mark Birnbaum, assistant professor of biology at Merrimack, has been named the recipient of the Paul E. Murray Fellowship for 2002-2003. The \$10,000 fellowship was established in 2000 at Merrimack to promote science and engineering research that will lead to enhanced effectiveness in classroom teaching.

As the award recipient, Birnbaum will continue to conduct his research on the effects of glucocorticoids drugs on the growth and differentiation of bone cells. These drugs are used in the treatment of a wide variety of inflammatory diseases, but cause osteoporosis. The stipend will help fund student research and help in the design of experiments to be used in Dr. Birnbaum's molecular cell biology course. In the fall 2002, Birnbaum will present his results at the second Paul E. Murray Symposium.

Dr. K. C. Swallow, dean of the Faculty of Science and Engineering, is pleased that Dr. Birnbaum has been recognized by the Murray Fellowship Committee. "Dr. Birnbaum is a very active researcher and has participated in Merrimack's Summer Student Research program since its inception. His enthusiasm and ability to include his students as true collaborators in his work have had an enormous positive impact on the summer program and on student research in general. At the same time, the work is of very high quality and results in significant contributions to his field."

The Paul E. Murray Fellowship and Symposium in Science and Engineering grew from the Paul E. Murray Fund which has generously enriched Merrimack's science and engineering education since the 1980's. A bequest from the late Andover resident Paul E. Murray, former district manager of engineering for the East Central District with General Electric, has enhanced Merrimack College's science program. College Trustee Miss Alice Murray, the daughter of the late Paul Murray, re-dedicated the Murray Fund to fulfill its original purpose.

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Dr. Mark Birnbaum with biology major Mike Burns '02 doing senior thesis research.

inal commitment to faculty development and to support significant projects of research and study at Merrimack.

STUDENTS, PAST AND PRESENT, CONTRIBUTE TO AUTOIMMUNE DISEASE RESEARCH

Last semester, the research spearheaded by Associate Professor of Biology Linda Foote '78, in collaboration with a handful of Merrimack College students, was presented by Foote at an international meeting of science investigators and clinicians in Geneva, Switzerland. Those in attendance included some of the premier people in autoimmune disease research and autoimmune therapies from all over the world.

The work presented began with Foote's experimental work at Boston University at the School of Medicine, back in the early 1990s. She has since expanded a portion of that work and collaborated with students over the years on the effects of Interleukin-4 on the immune system.

The findings presented in Geneva are a product of past and present research theses of students. This particular venue provided students the unique opportunity to have their work presented for them to an international audience.

— AUGUSTINIAN LEGACY —

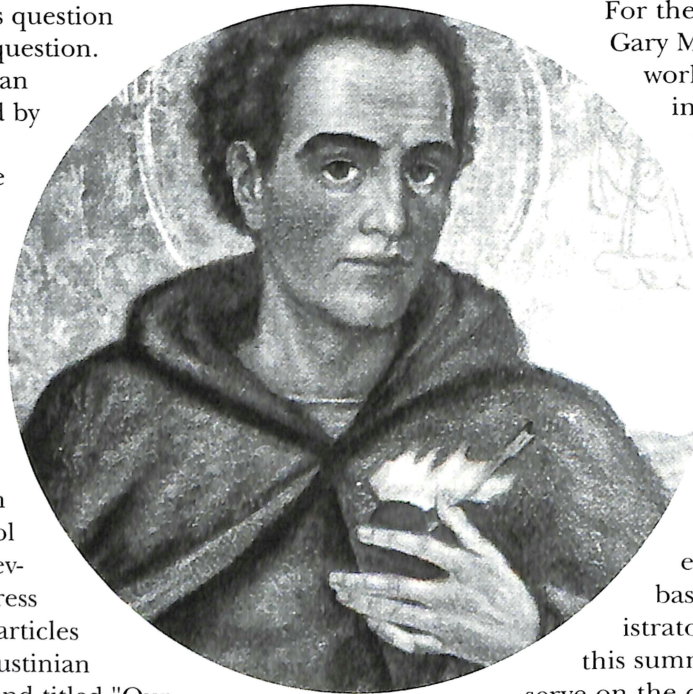
WHAT MAKES MERRIMACK COLLEGE “AUGUSTINIAN”?

by Rev. James Wenzel, O.S.A.

A superficial response to this question might be: "That's an easy question. Merrimack is an Augustinian institution because it was founded by the Augustinian Order in 1947." Such a simplistic answer may have been accurate 55 years ago; it is far from sufficient now that the college has matured with a renewed sense of its identity. It is imperative that all members of the Merrimack family be both familiar with and able to name and articulate the Augustinian values which are embodied in both the foundation and continuing growth of a school that has come of age. The next several issues of Merrimack will address this question through a series of articles sponsored by the Center for Augustinian Study and Legacy at the college and titled "Our Augustinian Heritage at Merrimack College."

This article was written the day after Reunion Weekend 2002. Most of the participants represented members of the classes of 1952, '57, '62, '67, '72, '77, '82, '87, '92, and '97. Several of them were asked to respond to a few questions about the meaning of the word "Augustinian" and about identifying "Augustinian values" which they may or may not have experienced during their student days. It was fascinating to hear responses from individuals from classes spanning more than 50 years.

While most people who responded indicated that they knew the college was an Augustinian institution, many had only a superficial understanding of what that means. Some respondents named values such as community, support or caring for others, collegiality, dedication to higher learning, friendship and service. Few, however, were able to explain the meaning of such generic Christian values in an Augustinian sense.



For the past two years, our Provost, Father Gary McCloskey, O.S.A., has held a two-day workshop for faculty members concerning pedagogy. At the recent gathering in May, several faculty members voiced a desire to have our college's understanding of Augustinian values articulated and explained together with suggested strategies for a realistic implementation of those values in all aspects of life at Merrimack.

The Center for Augustinian Study and Legacy has committed itself to facilitate the process to respond to this request. To this end, the center has formed a broad-based committee of faculty and administrators to address this question. During this summer, those who have been invited to serve on the committee will do some Augustinian reading in preparation for meetings once the next academic year begins in the fall.

This regular column will keep readers up-to-date on this important question and the progress of the committee. Hopefully, it will serve to enlighten our alumni members and friends and to help Merrimack College to remain faithful to its Augustinian identity.

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Learn more about the Center for Augustinian Study and Legacy at www.merrimack.edu under Spiritual Life.

— PHILANTHROPY AT MERRIMACK —

FRIENDS OF MERRIMACK COLLEGE
PRESENTS LARGEST CONTRIBUTION EVER

The Friends of Merrimack College presented its largest contribution in the history of the organization, totaling \$96,100, to benefit the college's scholarship program at their annual dinner held at the college in May.

In addition, the Friends honored North Andover resident George H. Schruender Jr. with the second annual "Friends of Merrimack College" award in recognition of his long-time commitment and support of the college. The award is given annually to the person(s) who best exemplify the group's

mission, social, cultural, and fundraising activities.

The award was presented to Schruender at the annual Friends of Merrimack College dinner.

Schruender has served as president of



Enjoying the Friends of Merrimack College dinner are (left to right) Frank MacDonald '57, John Housianitis '81 and Maria Rosatti, '58.

the Friends of Merrimack and as chairman of the college's President's Club Golf Tournament which has raised more than one million dollars in scholarships. He has been a professional realtor since 1972, served as past president of the Massachusetts Real Estate Board, and is a member and past director of the Massachusetts Association of Realtors. A lifelong resident of North Andover, Schruender is active in his community and in the Merrimack Valley, serving on a number of civic committees.

"George works tirelessly on behalf of the Friends to help as many students as possible have access to scholarship funds. He is one of Merrimack's best friends and supporters and several of our most highly respected graduates refer to George as the most dedicated 'non-Merrimack College



Mr. and Mrs. S. Peter Volpe talked with Father James Wenzel (right) at the annual Friends of Merrimack College dinner held at the college in May.

graduate ever.' He is committed heart and soul to doing things that make society better. He is more than deserving," said Richard Reming, executive director of the Friends of Merrimack College.

Upon accepting the award, Schruender said, "The Augustinians have been a big part of my life. I am privileged to be a part of the Friends of Merrimack College."

The 600-member Friends of Merrimack College support students through membership, and social, cultural and fundraising activities. Members who are not Merrimack graduates are designated honorary alumni.



George Schruender (third from left) enjoyed a night in the spotlight with his family (left to right) son Ryan, daughter LeeAnn, wife Ellen, daughter Mary Ellen and his father-in-law Al Bolis (seated).

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PRESIDENT'S CUP RAISES MORE THAN \$50,000 FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

The 21st annual President's Cup Golf Tournament held in June raised more than \$54,000 to support the scholarship fund. Two hundred thirty players enjoyed the sunny day of golf and friendship. The Cup winners were the foursome of Mike Stella, Fran Ferrara, Jack Elliot and Allan Jarasitis. Paul LaCamera had the straightest drive, Steve Fewtrell was Closest to the Pin on hole two and Barbara Stella was Closest to the Pin on hole 16.

This year, \$80,000 will be distributed from the President's Cup scholarship fund to 25 students attending Merrimack. Currently, the market value of the President's Cup endowment fund is more than \$1.6 million. Thanks to all those Merrimack friends who make it a success every year!

ST. AUGUSTINE SOCIETY STRENGTHENS COLLEGE MISSION

The Augustinian mission of Merrimack College - to awaken the hearts and minds of a new generation - is at the center of the St. Augustine Society, a new giving opportunity designed to recognize and engage those alumni, parents and friends contributing \$5,000 or more each year. It will support the intellectual and pastoral legacy of the Order of St. Augustine. Benefactors will help to sustain and advance the work of the college and the intellectual and pastoral legacy of St. Augustine through general or specific support, both personally and financially. This initiative is led by Co-Chairpersons Francis Girard '62, Susan (Bernard) Demers '62 and Dr. Laurence Demers '60. Girard and Laurence Demers are also members of the college's Board of Trustees.

Today, the relevance of Augustine, Bishop of Hippo, lies not just in his intellectual accomplishments and theological legacy, but also in the very human way he sincerely strove, as documented in his writings, to determine what his responsibilities and obligations were to himself, to his society, to his Church and to God. Merrimack's liberal arts education, in the Augustinian tradition, seeks to empower each student with the means for undertaking this same essential intellectual and spiritual passage within the context of modern challenges and choices.

Benefactors of the St. Augustine Society will be a vital part of the mission to incorporate Augustinian ideals into the intellectual and spiritual identity of each member of the Merrimack family and the wider community. They will receive special invitations to annual events, opportunities to interact with faculty and to play an integral part in the college's mission.

For more information on the St. Augustine Society, and how you can become a benefactor, please call Joseph Cartier, vice president for institutional advancement, at 978-837-5126.

ART BUCHWALD TO VISIT MERRIMACK

Pulitzer Prize-winning writer Art Buchwald will be the featured speaker for the 2002 Speaker Series offered at Merrimack College by the Friends of Merrimack and *The Eagle-Tribune* newspaper. Buchwald will speak on Monday, October 28 at 7 p.m. at the Rogers Center for the Arts on Merrimack's campus. The lecture series benefits the scholarship program at Merrimack.



A syndicated writer since 1952, Buchwald's popular column of political satire appears in more than 500 newspapers. In his legendary career, he has written 30 books and has delighted readers with his unique interpretations of current events. He won a Pulitzer Prize for feature writing in 1982, and, in 1987, was inducted into the Academy of Arts and Letters.

Born in Queens, New York, he was raised in a series of foster homes before running away at age 16 to serve in the U.S. Marines during World War II. He lived in Paris, France for 14 years following the war and became a columnist for the *Paris Herald Tribune*. In 1962, Buchwald returned to the United States and settled in Washington.

The Friends of Merrimack is selling reserved seating that entitles the purchaser to attend a reception with Mr. Buchwald prior to his speech. Information on the tickets can be obtained by calling The Friends of Merrimack office at 978-837-5121. All other tickets may be purchased at the Rogers Center box office beginning in September by calling 978-837-5355.

TAKE THE TOUR, LEARN ABOUT MERRIMACK'S HERITAGE

Although 55 years young, Merrimack College has a wealth of history and bears the legacy of its Augustinian heritage on nearly every part of its campus. Walking through the campus, the profound influence of that heritage and of many individuals who have made Merrimack what it is today permeates the college, from the names of buildings to the various memorials and statues that grace the landscape. A newly published book, "Keep on Walking" by Rev. James Wenzel, O.S.A. of the Center for Augustinian Study and Legacy, reveals the significance and history of many of these places in hopes of fostering a deeper awareness and understanding of the college's Augustinian tradition and history.

The book, a gift from the Class of 2002, is meant to be a self-guided walking tour of the campus, beginning at the statue of Christ the Teacher.

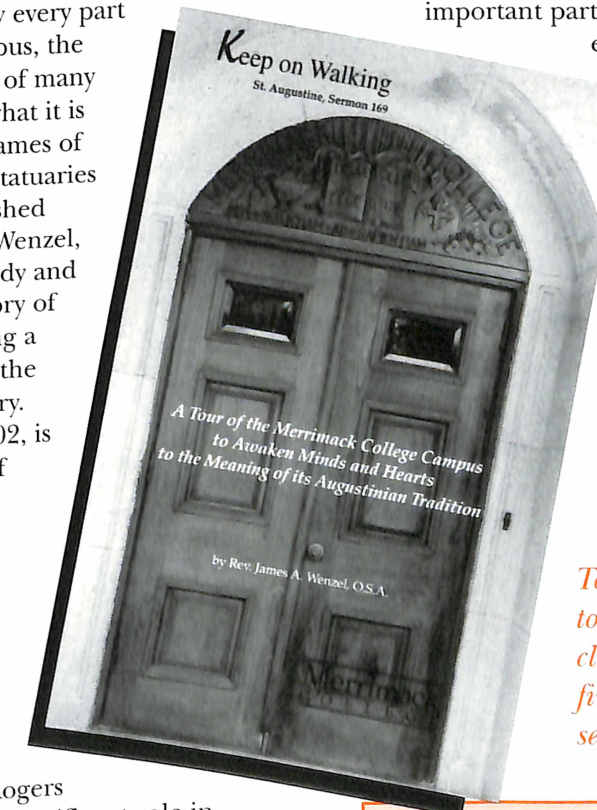
As the tour winds through the campus, Father Wenzel presents descriptions, photos and detailed explanations of the individuals who have influenced and helped shape Merrimack, sometimes leaving their names behind.

Those names include Deegan, McQuade, Volpe, Hamel, Cushing and Rogers as well as many others who have played a significant role in the growth of the college. Still others are spiritual in name, such as St. Monica, the mother of St. Augustine and the patron saint of mothers for whom Monican Centre is named.

"This walking-tour book will be beneficial to many people for years to come," said Jeff Beaudry '02, president of the senior class. "We felt that many people on campus might have a general idea of the background of some of the names of buildings, but we felt that Father Wenzel's idea of a published book, which pulls this information all together, was a great one. Father Wenzel has supported our class so much that we are pleased to be able to support him in this project." Each member of the Class of 2002 received a copy, as well as members of the Class of 1952, of which Father Wenzel is a member.

The idea was first born more than a year-and-a half ago as Father Wenzel was walking the campus and was amazed at the transformation that has taken place at Merrimack over the last 55 years when he first came to Merrimack. As he began talking with students, he realized that they had no idea who many of the people were, such as Cardinal Cushing, who greatly influenced Merrimack in its early years.

"I developed this walking tour as a way to preserve an important part of our history and as a way to ensure that our Augustinian heritage remain alive and strong," Father Wenzel said. "It is my hope that many in our community will read it and learn more about the myriad interesting aspects of our beautiful campus, especially those who give tours of the campus and who can relate our story."



To read "Keep on walking" go to www.merrimack.edu and click on *Spiritual Life*. You will find the link under the welcome section.

SNAPSHOT OF MERRIMACK'S CLASS OF 2006

- Approximately 90% will live on campus.
- The female-to-male ratio of students is approximately 54% to 46%.
- Students come from 21 states and 6 foreign countries.
- Approximately 52% will enter with seeking a liberal arts major, 18% will seek a science and engineering major, and 30% will enter the Girard School of Business.

PANEL CALLS FOR HOPE, NOT DESPAIR, IN MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT

Merrimack hosts forum

More than 200 people gathered at an educational forum on the Middle East conflict hosted this spring by Merrimack College. Members of a panel who have grown up living this conflict related their experiences and insights in an effort to foster better understanding of both sides of the issue. The overriding feeling of the four panelists was one of hope rather than despair.

"We are seeing the worst wave of violence, at least in my lifetime," said Gidi Grinstein, 31, a member of the Israeli peace negotiating team at Camp David in 2000 and a captain in the Israeli Navy who has participated in a number of projects that deal with the long-term future of the State of Israel and who has served in the Office of the Prime Minister of Israel. "That wave of violence represents an ongoing process in the Middle East in which the pendulum swings between moderates and radicals and between peace and war. The violence we see now should not lead us to the conclusion that this is the outcome of politics in the Middle East. The pendulum will swing back and then it will be the challenge of the moderates and the challenge of those who work for peace to seize the moment to consolidate the foundation of the political process," he said.

Echoing those sentiments, Laila Moussa El-Haddad, a native of the Gaza Strip, said "There are ebbs and flows in every conflict. This happens to be a low point but we shouldn't conclude that there is no way out. Just as this has been constructed by humans, it can be undone by human beings, so we should not despair."

Moussa El-Haddad is a Duke University 2000 graduate whose thesis explores the conflict in the Gaza Strip, and whose experience includes working on the West Bank last summer on The Palestinian Initiative for the Promotion of Global Dialogue and Democracy. Most of her family is from Gaza.

Other panelists included Alon Ben-David, a television journalist who covers defense and military issues in the Middle East and is well-known and respected in Israel among the media, government and military communities; and Dr.

Anthony Wanis-St. John who did his doctoral research at The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy which focused on the secret negotiations between the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) and the Israeli government.

The event, "Conflict in the Middle East: Perspectives from a New Generation," was sponsored by Merrimack and the

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Merrimack Valley Jewish Federation. It was moderated by Rep. Barry Finegold, a third-term Massachusetts state representative who is active in American-Jewish Affairs and traveled to Israel as part of the Combined Jewish Philanthropy delegation from Boston at the beginning of the *intifadah*.

President Santagati welcomed those in attendance and thanked the panelists. "This discussion is needed now more than ever as we struggle to understand what we are hearing and seeing daily in our newspapers and on television. Today we might seem a far way from peace in that region, but it is discussions such as this that will foster understanding of both sides of the issue. We pray that many more in the world will seek understanding as well-so peace can be attained," he said. He then introduced Rabbi Robert Goldstein of Andover's Temple Emanuel and director of Merrimack's Center for Study of Jewish-Christian Relations,

who had recently returned from a trip to Israel.

"We must find a way for the children in the school yards of Rammallah and in Jerusalem to be safe and to be free," said Rabbi Goldstein. "As dark and as hopeless as these last days have been, maybe we can find peace."

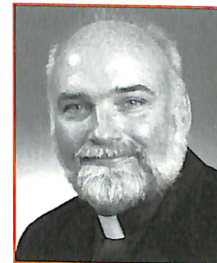


(Left to right), Merrimack President Richard J. Santagati, Gidi Grinstein, Laila Moussa El-Haddad, Massachusetts Representative Barry Finegold, Rabbi Robert Goldstein, Alon Ben-David, and Dr. Anthony Wanis-St. John.

Photo by David Spink

NEW ADMINISTRATIVE ROLES ANNOUNCED

President Richard J. Santagati has announced several administrative changes at the college.



Rev. Gary N. McCloskey, O.S.A. has been named the Provost and Dean of the college, having served two years as vice president for academic affairs. Prior to that appointment, Father McCloskey was vice president for academic affairs at St. Thomas University in Florida. He

previously served as assistant to the president for urban affairs at Merrimack and has held a number of positions at the Province of St. Thomas of Villanova. He earned a doctorate in instructional leadership at the University of Miami, a master's degree in theology at the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., a master's degree in computing education at Teachers College at Columbia University in New York, and a bachelor's degree in the honors program at Villanova University.



Mary Lou Retelle '76 has been named Vice President of Enrollment Management. She has served as the college's Dean of Admission and Financial Aid since 1994. In her new role, Retelle has responsibility for all functions of the institution that affect student enrollment, from recruitment to graduation. She will oversee

Admissions, Financial Aid, Office of the Registrar, and Career Services and Co-operative Education. Enrollment management helps to enhance services that students interface with outside of academics or student life, such as financial aid, billing and registration. Retelle holds a master of education degree in student personnel services from Northeastern University and a bachelor's degree from Merrimack College. She served as Associate/Assistant Dean of Admission and Financial Aid at Merrimack for seven years before becoming Director of Enrollment Management at the State University of New York-Potsdam from 1991 to 1994.



Maryellen Colliton has been named interim Vice President of Student Life, having served as dean of student development since June 2000. The departments of Counseling and Health, Student Activities/Campus Center, Resident Life and Athletics will report to Colliton. She has led numerous programs and committees, including

the Orientation program, the First Year Experience Committee, and the Leadership, Education and Development Committee. Colliton came to Merrimack in 1994 as Director of Student Activities, a position she held until 1999. She holds a master's of education degree in Student Personnel and Counseling from Northeastern University, and a bachelor's degree in sociology from the University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth.



Dr. Bruce Baker was recently appointed Executive Director of Outcomes Assessment and Institutional Research. In this new, Cabinet-level position, Baker is responsible for developing a campus wide assessment program. Assessment results will demonstrate the degree to which the college is achieving its educational and administrative objectives, and

will guide strategic planning and budgeting. Prior to accepting this appointment, Baker served for four years as the vice president for student life following 15 years in a variety of other student life positions at the college. Baker holds a B.S. from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, an M.S. from Northeastern University, and a Ph.D. from Boston College. He resides in North Andover with his wife and two children, and was recently elected to his second term on the North Andover School Committee.



Christine Burke has been named acting Director of Resident Life. She joined the college in 1991 as drug prevention specialist, and project coordinator for the Department of Education-Drug Program. In September 1993 she became coordinator of health education in Counseling and Health. Burke is a graduate of the University of Massachusetts, Lowell. She has a M.Ed. from Lesley College.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTS NEW CHAIRMAN

The Board of Trustees for Merrimack College has elected a new Chairman and Vice Chairman to lead for the next two years.

FRANK S. MARCHILENA, executive vice president of Raytheon Company, has been elected Chairman of the Board of Trustees for Merrimack College, having served on the Board since 1997. He is President of Raytheon's C3I division. During his 35 year career at Raytheon Company, Marchilena was the manager of Raytheon Electronic Systems Laboratories (RESL), directing the merger of Raytheon Research Division, Raytheon Missile Systems Division Laboratories and Raytheon Equipment Division Laboratories to form RESL. In June of 1992 he was appointed Program Manager of the Navy's Aegis Extended Range Missile Engineering Development Program. Marchilena also served as Manager of Missile Systems Software Laboratory from 1987 to 1992 and held several engineering and program management positions in Raytheon's Equipment and Missile Systems divisions. He holds a bachelor of science in mathematics from Duquesne University and a master's degree in mathematics from Northeastern University. A Westford, Mass. resident, Marchilena joined the Board in 1997. He will lead the Board of Trustees for two years.

CYNTHIA P. DANAHER, a member of the college's Board of Trustees since 1997, has been elected its Vice Chairman. She served as the Group General Manager for the Medical Products Group of Hewlett-Packard Company in Andover, Mass. from 1995 to 1999, having joined the company in 1984. While with Hewlett-Packard, she held several managerial positions, including, marketing manager and general manager for the Imaging Systems Division, Health Care Policy Specialist for the Medical Products Group, and Business Development Manager for the Imaging Systems Division. Danaher holds a bachelor of science degree in biology from the University of Vermont and an M.B.A. from Harvard University, School of Business Administration. She resides in Winchester, Mass.

NEW TRUSTEES WELCOMED

The Merrimack College Board of Trustees welcomes three new trustees: Rev. Donald Francis Reilly, O.S.A.; Rev. Augustine M. Esposito, O.S.A.; and Robert Thornton, O.S.A.

REVEREND AUGUSTINE M. ESPOSITO, O.S.A. is the president of Monsignor Bonner High School in Drexel Hill, Penn. and has taught at the St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, Villanova University, and Temple University. Ordained in 1979, he holds a Ph.D. from Temple University and a master's degree in Spanish from Middlebury College. Father Esposito also holds a M. Div. from the Washington Theological Union and a bachelor's degree from Villanova University. He has presented a number of papers in English and Spanish and served as a translator for the Augustinian General Chapter in Rome, as well as at various conferences nationally and internationally. Father Esposito has given many retreats to priests and laity in the U.S., Canada, Peru and South Africa.

VERY REVEREND DONALD FRANCIS REILLY, O.S.A. was recently elected as prior provincial of the Province of St. Thomas of Villanova and was installed in June. Ordained in 1974, Father Reilly holds a doctorate of ministry in counseling degree from New York Theological and a master's in theology from Washington Theological Union. He earned his bachelor's degree at Villanova University. He recently served as co-founder and executive director of SILOAM Ministries which serves the HIV/AIDS community. He served as personnel director of Augustinian Province of St. Thomas of Villanova from 1985 - 1994, and as pastor of St. Denis Church in Havertown, Penn. Father Reilly is a member of various organizations and boards.

BROTHER ROBERT THORNTON, O.S.A. is an Augustinian brother and clinical psychologist. For the past eight years, he has served on the Provincial Council of the Augustinian Province of St. Thomas of Villanova, and is in private practice in the Philadelphia area. Br. Bob served as assistant to the president for urban affairs at Merrimack from 1987 to 1990, and at the Merrimack's Student Counseling Service from 1989 to 1990. He holds a bachelor's degree in religious studies from Villanova University, a master's degree in social work from Columbia University, and master's and doctoral degrees from Widener University.

SOFTBALL (35-16)

Morgis Two-Time All-America

It was a typically superb season for the Warrior softball program. The squad advanced to NCAA post-season play for the 12th time, won its 11th Northeast-10 regular season title (fifth straight) and captured the Northeast-10 Tournament crown for a second straight year. The Warriors finished with an overall record of 35-16 and a conference mark of 23-5.

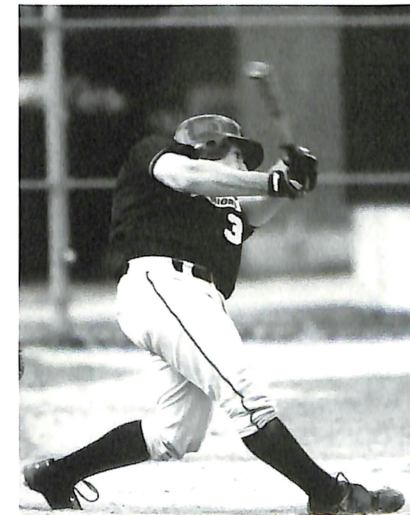
Katie Morgis was named an NFCA Second Team All-America for a second straight year and was tabbed the NE-10 Player of the Year after leading the league in every offensive category. The senior shortstop hit .490 in her final season and finished as the school's all-time leader in career batting average, hits, and RBIs.



BASEBALL (12-32)

Home Run Record Set

The baseball team finished strong going 9-6 over its last 15 games of the season.



Rocco Mastrangelo tied the school's single season record with 16 home runs. He also became the school's all-time career leader with 29 bombs through three seasons. The junior designated hitter led Merrimack in every offensive category this season and was named First Team All-Region and All-Conference.

WOMEN'S LACROSSE (6-10)

Three Make First Team All-Conference

The Warrior women's lacrosse team advanced to the Northeast-10 playoffs for a second straight season and finished with a record of 6-10. Three Warriors were named to the Northeast-10 All-Conference First Team.

MEN'S LACROSSE (5-10)

Four Earn NE-10 Honors

Four Merrimack College men's lacrosse players earned All-Conference honors, while three were named All-New England in 2002 as the Warriors finished with an overall record of 5-10.

TOP HOCKEY

SCHOLAR-ATHLETE IS MERRIMACK STUDENT

Merrimack College junior Lucas Smith was named Hockey East's Top Scholar-Athlete, an award given annually to the player who achieves the highest grade-point-average (GPA) over the course of the season. Smith, a junior forward from Milton, Mass., finished with an impressive 3.95 GPA for the 2001-2002 school year and tied for second best since the inception of the honor in 1989. Hockey East officials instituted the academic honor roll in 1989 to recognize athletes who excel in the classroom as well as on the ice. To qualify for the team, an individual must post a 3.0 GPA or higher in each of the two academic periods during which his team was actively competing.

A total of five Merrimack players were named to the Hockey East All-Academic Team. In addition to Smith, Joe Exter, a junior from Cranston, R.I.; Lou Eyster, a sophomore from Norwell, Mass.; Brad Mills, a senior from Hingham, Mass.; and Jason Wolfe, a senior from College Park, Maryland, also earned the honor.

Merrimack has had a total of 91 student athletes named to the honor roll since 1989, including a record 13 in 1996.

MEN'S TENNIS (5-7)

Pearson/Ryan Team All-League

The Merrimack College men's doubles team of Michael Pearson and Sean Ryan was named to the Northeast-10 All-Conference Third Team. Merrimack finished with a team mark of 5-7.

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M58

Donald Shea of Plano, Tex. earned his private pilot's license one week before his 66th birthday.

M65

Richard J. Santagati, Merrimack's president, received the 2001 Richard Cardinal Cushing Society Award on behalf of St. Mary's Junior-Senior High School in Lynn, Mass. The award is presented annually to a champion of Catholic education whose personal and professional life mirrors the mission of St. Mary's school.

M66

John Obert, manager of Alumni Relations at Merrimack, received the 2002 "Citizens Who Care" award from the Andover Rotary. The Rotary presents these awards annually to ten residents of either Andover or North Andover who are committed to community service. Obert was recognized for his extensive service to Merrimack and his volunteer work as president and director of the Treble Chorus of New England.

M70

Richard Bernard of Londonderry, N.H. was promoted to 9th degree black belt in Shorin-Ryu Karate and 7th degree black belt in Goju-Ryu Karate. He also earned the Teaching Grade of Hanshi, the highest level of instructor certification attainable in martial arts.

M72

Bill Lyons of Salem, N.H. has left the consumer packaged goods industry after thirty years to form his own business, Bill Lyons Associates. He specializes in strategic sales and marketing.

M75

Steve Alexander, president of the Steve Alexander Group in LaJolla, Calif. was appointed by Governor Gray Davis to the California State Medical Board.

M82

James Guarino, CPA, CFP, has earned his certification in financial planning. He has worked at RSM McGladrey, Inc. in Burlington, Mass. since 1984 where, as a senior tax manager, his responsibilities include tax planning and personal wealth management for business owners of closely-held companies and high-net-worth individuals.



James Guarino '82

Robert Lufkin has been named general manager of production, sales and inventory for the Motors and Controls Business Sector of Industrial Systems at General Electric Co., Ft. Wayne, Ind.

M83

Richard Filosa has been elected a Partner at Bingham Dana LLP, Boston, Mass. Richard is a member of the Project/Structured Finance Group and his practice focuses on project finance, construction, energy and environmental matters having to do with domestic and international power generation projects.

M84

Todd Mitchell is a Middle School Technology Teacher at LaJolla Country Day School, LaJolla, Calif.

M91

Jason Bukowski is working for Prudential Howe and Doherty Real Estate in Andover, Mass.

M95

David "Army" Armstrong, of Milton, Mass. was named CIBC Stockbroker of the Year for 2001. This is a national award that recognizes the top stockbroker for CIBC Oppenheimer.

M96

Laura Marie Costa of Methuen, Mass. was involved in a serious bus accident in February 2002 while traveling on a ski outing. She was hospitalized at Dartmouth-



Left to right: Kathy (McCarthy) Czizik '82, Rosemary (Maricone) Plachtyna '82, Anne (Karcmarczyk) Saggiotes '82, Joan (Zaleski) Dempsey '82, Karen (Alukonis) Dailey '82, Terri (Fossella) Pecorelli '82 and Ann (Bradley) Savino '82.

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ALUMNI IN ACTION

BARONI'S LONG LIST OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS NOW INCLUDE CMGI FIELD

By Jocelyne Fauerbach

When Gino Baroni '78 attended the first New England Patriots game in the old Schaefer Stadium in Foxboro, little did he know that he would play a part in building the new home to the 2002 Super Bowl champions. As executive vice president and chief operating officer of Beacon Skanska, a Boston-based construction management firm, Baroni's most recent accomplishment is the construction of the new CMGI Field. The 68,000-seat stadium is now one of the premier facilities in the National Football League, according to Baroni. With 80 new luxury suites, and state-of-the-art audio and visual equipment, the arena caters to the demands of today's sports fan. Baroni emphasizes that the experience at CMGI Field is user friendly and allows fans the opportunity to really enjoy the exciting atmosphere of the stadium.

A civil engineering degree from Merrimack was the springboard to Baroni's success. A 1978 graduate from the college's Cooperative Education program, he speaks highly of his undergraduate experience. "The small classes and the dedication of the faculty within the Civil Engineering Department at Merrimack made all the difference in my education. Many of the professors had 'real time' experience and spent a lot of one-on-one time with students...that was invaluable to me," says Baroni. He then went on to earn a master's degree in the field at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Except for a 6-year stint when Baroni left Skanska to found his own construction company, he has been associated with Beacon Skanska since his graduation from MIT.

A native of Lawrence, Mass., Baroni has never lost his



Photo by David Spink

connection to the Merrimack Valley or to his alma mater. He currently serves on the college's advisory board for campus construction, the Business Advisory Committee for the Girard School of Business, and volunteers his time and expertise through the College's Career Networking program - a program which offers current students the opportunity to speak to alumni who may be working in an industry they're looking to explore. "I look forward to helping the school as much as I can," says Baroni. "It's my way of giving back in return for the tremendous education that I received."

As EVP and COO of Beacon Skanska, Baroni oversees all of the firm's major construction projects as well as eight operational divisions within the company. "Most often I serve as the client advocate," says Baroni. "It's my responsibility to ensure the success of the project based on the clients' individual needs and that we complete the project on schedule and on budget. Our success is based on building long-term relationships with clients and not on a single project basis." A major strength of Beacon Skanska, comments Baroni, is its ability to analyze a project in its pre-construction phase. "We are really at the cutting edge of new construction and integrating technology," he says. Other ongoing projects the company is involved in include a new multi-purpose computer and intelligence sciences data center at MIT, and new airline terminals for Delta and American Airlines at Boston's Logan Airport.

"We are a high-ethics company. We treat our clients with respect - as well as our staff, and it's family first - Beacon second," says Baroni. "It's a supportive, challenging environment and I enjoy coming to work every day."

When asked what his most challenging project had been to date, Baroni laughed that it was, indeed, raising his two teenage daughters. "They are the joy of our lives, but at this age, each day is a new adventure," he says with a smile. Baroni, his wife and two daughters live in southern New Hampshire.

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Celebrating their 25th reunion were (left to right) Maureen (Bracken) Dunn '77; Stephen '77 and Sharon Napolitano; Nancy (Angelini) DiDio '77; Mike Mullen '77 and Linda (Reynolds) Gallagher '77.

Hitchcock Medical Center with a head injury. Her condition has improved and she is looking forward to returning to work on a part-time basis.

Kristen Picariello of Winchester, Mass. is an institutional sales associate at Columbia Management Group, a subsidiary of Fleet Boston Financial.

M98

Erica DeSimone has been hired as the new director of the East Boston Chamber of Commerce. She is engaged to be married in Boston on November 3, 2002.

M00

Arthur Venetis has joined the Bulfinch Group, Needham, Mass. as a financial representative. He had received the Bronze Award for excellence in the

financial field during his first year with the Northwestern Mutual Financial Networks and is a member of the National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors.



Tammy (MacAulay) Jones '92 and Kristen Bacon '92 (right) enjoyed catching up at the clambake at this year's reunion.

Marriages

JULIE LAGANA '86 AND MATTHEW FARNUM
at Our Lady of Mercy Church, Merrimack, N.H., January 26, 2002.

JENNIFER ANN McCORMACK '92 AND MICHAEL VITELLI
at the Hornblower Garden, Plymouth, Mass., September 8, 2001.

MICHELLE LITZ '94 AND JAMES GRIFFIN
at St. Mary of the Nativity Church, Scituate, Mass., November 10, 2001.

STEPHANIE BERGIN '95 AND BRYAN PELLEGRINO '96
at Christ the King Church, Old Lyme, Conn., June 2, 2001.

ANA PAULA DOBREIRA '95 AND CHRISTOPHER BAROUD
at St. Mary's Star of the Sea Church, Beverly, Mass., September 22, 2001.

JOSEPH NORMANT '95 AND NANCY MAYER
at Our Lady of the Snow Church, Blue Point, N.Y., September 15, 2001.

BRIAN CORSETTI '96 AND CHRISTINA JONES
at St. Mary's Church, Simsbury, Conn., June 9, 2001.

CHRISTINE KEARNEY '96 AND MICHAEL BOURGEOIS
at the Collegiate Church of Christ the Teacher, Merrimack College,
August 26, 2001.

INGER REINHARDSEN '96 AND RICHARD C. ARNOTT, JR. '97
at First Congregational Church, West Tisbury, Mass., September 15, 2001.

ERIN BOUTIN '97 AND BRIAN WILSON
at St. Patrick's Church, Pelham, N.H., December 14, 2001.

CHRISTINE NEWTON '97 AND JAMES CROCKER
at the Collegiate Church of Christ the Teacher, Merrimack College,
October 27, 2001.

TRICIA GANUN '98 AND ANDY GUYON
at St. Augustine Church, North Branford, Conn., August 18, 2001.

HEATHER LEBOVITZ '99 AND WILLIAM SPOLIDORO
at the Collegiate Church of Christ the Teacher, Merrimack College, July 21, 2001.
Serving as bridesmaids were Julie Lovendale '99 and Megan Burke '99.

SUSAN CHUAN-YE MELE '02 AND ANDREW GRASS
in Honolulu, Hawaii, March 13, 2002.

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ALUMNI IN ACTION

ON THE GO 24/7, SLATTERY LEADS THE GLAMOUR(OUS) LIFE

By Julie Flynn

Lee Slattery '82, associate publisher of Advertising, *Glamour* magazine, is a veritable tour de force. Every Monday morning she is off and running - literally - at 5:30 a.m. in Central Park, preparing for her weekly 11:15 a.m. teleconference team meeting. That's when Slattery, hooks up a team of 50 advertising and 38 marketing reps around the country, to help strategize, motivate, and gear them up for the week.

Her liberal arts degree has translated well into the business world. As associate publisher of *Glamour*, a women's magazine that sells 2.2 million copies per issue, her job is all about relationships and selling advertising. "You need to know what makes your clients tick. When you're calling a client, and you're asking them for a half million dollars, it certainly helps to understand their marketing objectives. The relationships you make in this business are very important. It's important that they trust, like, and want to do business with you. You have to be perceptive and cognizant of people who have little free time."

How did she make the journey from psychology/sociology major to being one of the top executives for one of CondeNast's most lucrative magazines? She spent a year and a half in Boston working as a paralegal and then moved to New York in 1984. "I got a lucky break working



for Liz Claiborne hosiery line. I traveled around the country meeting with various buyers at Macy's, Dillard's, and Saks. It forced me to present in front of large groups of people." It was then that she discovered her passion for sales.

After taking an advertising class, she was hooked. A chance cab ride with the publisher of *Harper's Bazaar* led to an interview with the publisher of *Organic Gardening*, owned by Rodale Press. She was hired on the spot. She went on to work for *Weight Watchers* and *McCalls* before being hired by CondeNast eight years ago.

Slattery recently celebrated her first anniversary with *Glamour*. "It hasn't been an easy year. Last summer the economy tanked and then after September 11 newsstand sales dwindled. But things are turning around, and the outlook is great."

While every day is different, a typical day includes two to three sales calls scheduled between business meetings at breakfast, lunch, and dinner. "Because our 20 to 40 demographic market is so broad, we call on everyone from Chanel to T.J. Maxx to Pantene shampoo and Tommy Hilfiger," she explains.

While there are glamorous components to Slattery's job, such as the Fragrance Black Tie Ball, deadlines and budgets must be met. "Our goal is to sell 1,430 ad pages a year. One page in *Glamour* is \$160,000. It's expensive."

Slattery travels all over the country to meet with members of the sales team to help reach that goal. "You've got to be a chameleon. That's why it's so fun and why I think my psychology/sociology major laid the foundation for my success."

Due to the increasingly overwhelming submissions, we will be unable to print photos of weddings and babies in future issues of Merrimack. However, we encourage you to please continue to send us your wedding and birth announcements to john.obert@merrimack.edu.

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Deaths

Joseph A. CORBIN '53, of Dracut, Mass., died March 21, 2002 at Lowell General Hospital. A veteran of World War II, he worked for Raytheon in the contracts and proposals department until his retirement in 1991. He also worked as a tax preparer.

Eustice MICHITSON '53, of Haverhill, Mass., died April 15, 2002 at the Oxford Manor. He served in the United States Air Force during World War II. After graduation from Merrimack he earned a master's degree in education at Salem State College. He served as principal of the Ellis School in Freemont, N.H. and later taught at Whittier Vocational Technical High School until his retirement in 1986.

Matilda A. (Korziuk) KOPATCH '65, of Coventry, R.I., died April 27, 2002 at Kent County Memorial Hospital, Warwick, R.I. She served as secretary of the Polish National Alliance.

Grace Eileen (Murphy) KARBOTT '67, of Plymouth, Mass., died March 9, 2002 at her home. After graduation from Merrimack, she received a master's degree in library science from the University of Rhode Island. She was a research librarian at the Plymouth Public Library for more than 25 years.

Gary L. GEIST '83, of Arlington, Va., died March 22, 2002. He received a master's degree from Syracuse University and was manager of the U.S. Patent Office in Crystal City, Va.

Laurie Elizabeth CONTI '91, of Raynham, Mass., died February 26, 2002 of cancer. She raised funds for N.E.A.D.S. and C.C.I. service dog organizations and was the spokesperson for Service Dog Awareness. She was president of the Laurie Conti Foundation for Animals with Cancer and a spokesperson for the National Cancer Support Group for Animals.

Paul J. LEONARD '92, of Woburn, Mass., died suddenly on April 2, 2002 at home. He was a project manager for Jules A. Gourdeau, Inc. in Beverly.

Professor Emeritus of English James A. MCGRAVEY passed away on Tuesday, June 18, 2002 following a short illness. Professor McGravey served Merrimack College from 1948 to 1980, joining as a member of the college's first faculty and its first director of public relations. He taught English, rhetoric, literature, public speaking and journalism for 34 years. Professor McGravey was awarded an honorary degree of Doctor of Literature by Merrimack in 1972.



He is a native of Lawrence, Mass., and is survived by his wife, Irene, Professor Emeritus of chemistry at Merrimack where she was his academic colleague for more than 30 years. The McGravey's three children, all alumni of Merrimack, are James A. McGravey Jr. '76; Vincent J. McGravey, M.D. '74; and Ann McGravey-Riccio, M.D. '75. He is also survived by several grandchildren.

After his retirement in 1980, Professor McGravey stayed connected with the college and supported its mission in many ways.

Memorial contributions in his name may be made to Merrimack College, c/o Donor Relations, Box A8, 315 Turnpike Street, North Andover, MA 01845.

Professor Emeritus of Management and Atty. Simeon E. LEGENDRE Jr., died May 9, 2002. He had been with Merrimack College for 42 years. Professor LeGendre joined Merrimack in 1949 as an assistant professor of business.



From 1952 to 1976, he served as Director of the Placement Office, helping many graduating students and alumni along their career paths. From 1963 to 1983, he served as associate professor and continued to teach part-time at the college until 1991.

Professor LeGendre is survived by his seven children, six of whom are Merrimack College alumni. They are Judeth L. Cobb '67; Marilyn J. Cohen '69; Janice R. LeGendre-Carr '72; Atty. Stephen M. LeGendre; Elaine V. LeGendre '76; Dr. Nancy J. Herlihy '77 and Maribeth A. Dunlavy '81. He was married to Alice LeGendre, the first president of the Ladies of Merrimack, who died in 1976. He later married Mary Hart who died in 1988. He had 16 grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to The Atty. Simeon E. Jr. and Mrs. Alice R. LeGendre Memorial Scholarship Fund, Merrimack College, c/o Donor Relations, Box A8, 315 Turnpike Street, North Andover, MA 01845.

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New Arrivals

GARY ROUTENBERG '76 AND WIFE JOANNE
a son, Tucker Enright, February 4, 2002. He joins sister Annalise.

EDWARD WOLFE '77 AND WIFE EVE
a son, Owen Edward, February 21, 2002. He joins sister Emily Ann.

DOUGLAS FINNEGAN '84 AND WIFE NANCY
a daughter, Jade Taylor, February 22, 2001. She joins brother Tyler.

LAURA (MARTINO) REYNOLDS '84 AND HUSBAND DAVID
a daughter, Lydia Rose, January 28, 2002. She joins sister Emma Marie.

ANN (CONSIDINE) HEALY '85 AND HUSBAND KENNETH
a son, John Patrick, October 31, 2001. He joins sister Catherine and brother Thomas.

SUSAN (CREVO) STENERI '85 AND HUSBAND ANDREW
a son, Matthew Philip, May 7, 2002. He joins sister Isabel Rose.

CAROL (STRONG) '87 AND GERARD BELAND '87
twins, Sophia Elizabeth Helene and Maxwell Elias Wilson, September 30, 2001.

LEEANN (FLEMING) MCGAHAN '87 AND HUSBAND BRIAN
a daughter, Hayley Victoria, January 9, 2001.

JONI (CAMPBELL) CHANDLER '88 AND HUSBAND MIKE
a daughter, Sarah Victoria, February 11, 2002. She joins sister Katherine and brother Jack.

ELIZABETH (POWERS) DOHERTY '88 AND HUSBAND MARK
a son Colin, January 3, 2002. He joins brothers Sean and Aidan.

STEVEN GLENNON '88 AND WIFE PAMELA
a son, Cooper Thomas, February 11, 2002.

CHRISTINE (FAGAN) POPSON '88 AND HUSBAND MIKE
a daughter, Kaitlyn Ann, January 13, 2002.

MAUREEN (MURPHY) DE COSTE '88/'89 AND HUSBAND CHUCK
a daughter, Heather Maureen, November 1, 2001. She joins big brothers Adam, Joey and Tucker.

JULIE (MACIEL) COREY '90 AND HUSBAND REX
a daughter, Savannah Marie, May 13, 2001.

LISA (MILES) '90 AND TIMOTHY JACQUES '91
a son, Zachary Miles, January 28, 2002. He joins brother Jeremy.

JULIE (ALLARD) MCCOOK '90 AND HUSBAND PETER
a daughter, Elizabeth Margaret, April 8, 2001. She joins sister Catherine and brother Nicholas.

GERALD P. MAJOR, JR. '91 AND WIFE NATALIE
a daughter, Olivia Maria, December 27, 2001. She joins brother Patrick and sister Abigail.

MEGAN (SULLIVAN) McDOWELL '91 AND HUSBAND EDWARD
a daughter, Caroline, March 24, 2002. She joins sister Madison.

CHRISTIE (DONOHUE) '91 AND FRANK STORNILO '92
a daughter, Julia, November 3, 2001. She joins siblings Grace and Nicholas.

KAREN (SWAIN) CAREY '92 AND HUSBAND DAVID
a son, Aidan Paul, July 21, 2001.

JOHN J. KEENAN JR. '92 AND WIFE JENNIFER
a son, Sean Patrick, February 9, 2002.

TOM McDERMOTT '92 AND WIFE MARY
a daughter, Carolyn Veronica, December 22, 2001.

JENNIFER (SACCO) SMITH '92 AND HUSBAND MICHAEL
a daughter Katelyn Elizabeth, August 2, 2001. She joins sister Olivia.

AIMEE (CAPONE) DERRY '93 AND HUSBAND ROB
a son, Connor Robert, August 28, 2001.

DAVID DONABEDIAN '93 AND WIFE AMY
a son, Michael Craig, March 15, 2002.

MATTHEW HAYES '93 AND WIFE TARA
a daughter, Meagan Elizabeth, May 23, 2002.
She joins sister Ashley and brother Matthew.

JENNIFER (BONANNO) LACROIX '93 AND HUSBAND BRIAN
a daughter, Elizabeth Rose, April 11, 2002.

CHRISTOPHER McDERMOTT '93 AND HIS WIFE
a daughter, Erin Marie, December 10, 2001. She joins sister Caitlin.

LORI (FOSKETT) '94 AND CRAIG DiBELLA '96
a daughter, Lindsey Margaret, September 9, 2001. She joins big sister Emily.

KRISTINE (CARON) ESDALE '94 AND HUSBAND ROBERT
a daughter, Sophie Anna, February 5, 2002. She joins big sister, Madeline.

ELIZABETH (WHOOLEY) KILKENNY '94 AND HUSBAND ROBERT
a son, Robert Joseph, March 9, 2002.

JENNIFER (NEWELL) '95 AND WADE KILLMAN '95
a daughter, Grace Michele, December 19, 2001.

JENNIFER LIDDELL '95 AND HUSBAND JAMIE FRIEDMAN
a son, Jack Thomas, May 18, 2002.

DENISE (GIORDANO) '95 AND MARK TORRISI '95
a son, Ryan John, February 8, 2002.



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— ALUMNI NEWS —

REV. RILEY HONORED
BY MERRIMACK ALUMNI

Alumni from Delaware Valley recently recognized Reverend George F. Riley, O.S.A. '57, special assistant to the president for external relations at Villanova University, for his dedication, loyalty and continuing commitment to our alma mater. A Certificate of Appreciation and gift were presented to Father Riley at a Sunday Brunch held in his honor at the Four Seasons Hotel in Philadelphia. This celebration took on special significance since it coincided with Father Riley's celebration of his 40th anniversary ordination.

A native of Lawrence, Mass., Father Riley attended Merrimack before entering the Order of St. Augustine. He received a bachelor's degree from Villanova University, master's degrees from Villanova University and Augustinian University, and a doctorate in philosophy from the Catholic University of America. Father Riley served as a trustee of Merrimack College from 1972 to 1983 and continues to serve as a member of the Development Committee.



Robert F. Whalen '67 presented a gift to Rev. George F. Riley, O.S.A. '57 at the brunch recognizing Father Riley.

Photo by John Obert '66

C E D R

CONTINUING EDUCATION DIVISION ALUMNI UNITED

Kathleen O. Korona '02 was awarded the Victor J. Mill Award at this year's Commencement. She graduated *summa cum laude* with a bachelor of arts degree.

The award is awarded to the first-ranking student in the Division of Continuing Education. A Lawrence businessman since 1946, Victor J. Mill Jr. succeeded his father as president and CEO of Lawrence Pumps, Inc. Mill is also a former trustee of Merrimack College.



This year's 2002 Continuing Education graduates at the CEDAR spring reception were (left to right) Nicole Galvin, Paul Welch, Susan Johnson, Michele Maginnis, Rose Andersen, Kerry Anne Garside, Kathleen Korona, James Polley and Colleen Mullins.

Photo by John Obert '66



Photo by John Obert '66

At the CEDAR spring 2002 reception, the James J. St. Germaine Award was granted to Colleen M. Mullins '02 as the top ranking Continuing Education senior pursuing graduate studies. She is joined by Diane Aprile '85, associate director of Continuing Education, (left) and Katharine St. Germain Heiligmann '65, (right) daughter of the late Professor James J. St. Germain for whom the award is named.

REUNION 2002 HONORS TEN CLASSES

The Class of 1952 celebrated its 50th reunion this year and they did so by giving back to their alma mater as well as to future students. Class members raised \$105,000 for their class gift, surpassing their \$100,000 goal. Led by Class Chair Jim O'Brien who made the lead gift of \$20,000, the class had a 75% participation rate. Their gift established the 1952 Scholarship Fund for future students and supported various programs important to the growth of Merrimack and the future of many students. The successful effort was led by class agents Phil Cullen, Jim Maloney, John Sangermano and Father Jim Wenzel, O.S.A.

Reunion 2003 will be May 30 and 31 honoring the classes of '53, '58, '63, '68, '73, '78, '83, '88, '93, '98.



On behalf of the Class of 1952, several members gathered to present a check for \$105,000 as their class gift to Merrimack College President Richard J. Santagati (second from left). Pictured here are (left to right): John Sangermano, President Santagati, Class Chairman Jim O'Brien, Father Jim Wenzel, Phil Cullen and Jim Maloney.



Enjoying the festivities of their recent reunion were David '62 and Jane White; Jim '62 and Helen (Birmingham) Sellers '62, '61; and Grace (Pappalardo) Smith '67.



Mike '62 and Eleanor Cronin were among the hundreds who gathered at this year's reunion to enjoy the clambake and other festivities.



More than 30 members of the Class of 1952 attended this year's reunion to celebrate their 50th reunion. During the weekend, they attended a Mass in St. Clare Court and dined together in the Sakowich Center.

ALUMNI COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Fellow Alumni,

As I write you, plans are in the works for a new year of alumni programs and activities. On behalf of the Alumni Council I welcome your involvement and input regarding these events. One of the goals of the council is to increase participation by all alumni. Through greater participation we can develop programming and activities that serve all. Your thoughts are vital to the creation of a strong alumni program.



Bob Carmichael '78

There are countless ways to become involved. You can volunteer to assist with a program, attend an event or provide us with your thoughts and ideas. Opportunities abound and are unlimited. Please contact the Alumni Office at 978-837-5107 or email John Obert at john.obert@merrimack.edu to find out how you can make a difference.

I invite you to also participate in two upcoming events. Homecoming is scheduled for October 4-6. View the changing landscape and footprint of our alma mater. Visit with faculty and see the newest technology being used in our classrooms. Enjoy Merrimack football vs. AIC, see classmates and old friends, and plan to meet new friends. Save the date! Details will be forthcoming shortly.

Reunion 2003 has been scheduled for May 30 and 31, 2003. The Classes of 1953, 1958, 1963, 1968, 1973, 1978, 1983, 1988, 1993, 1998 are celebrating special anniversaries but all alumni are invited to attend. Mark your calendar now for this fun filled weekend.

I look forward to seeing you on campus!

Bob Carmichael '78

PRELUDE RECEPTION SERIES AT MERRIMACK COLLEGE

Alumni and Merrimack friends! Please note in our calendar some selected special prelude receptions in the McCoy Art Gallery prior to selected performances in the Rogers Center for the Arts. Enjoy a delicious buffet reception. You will have the chance to meet with the performers and members of the Merrimack College community. Please call early as space is limited. Reservations are required; cost is \$20.00 per person.

Tickets for performances are sold separately.

PLAN NOW FOR REUNION 2003! May 30 and 31

Reunion will honor
the classes of
'53, '58, '63, '68, '73, '78,
'83, '88, '93, and '98.
All alumni invited
to participate !

COMING ATTRACTIONS – CALENDAR OF EVENTS AT MERRIMACK COLLEGE

Check out the entire campus happenings by visiting www.merrimack.edu

SEPTEMBER

1-3 – New Student Orientation

4 – Classes Begin

11 – Remembrance Memorial honoring anniversary of September 11, 2001. noon. Collegiate Church of Christ the Teacher.

12 – Hackers' Golf Tournament, Far Corners Golf Club, Boxford, Mass. 7:30 a.m. For information, call 978-837-5107.

17 – Convocation 10 a.m.
Speaker: Travis Roy, author of "Eleven Seconds." Rogers Center.

18 – A 10-week series on Wednesday afternoons at 3 p.m. will explore selected topics in music, art and history. Series runs through November 20. Rogers Center. Tickets \$30 for all sessions or \$5 per each individual session.

18 – Tambakos Film Collection Classical Movie Series presents: "Rebel Without a Cause." 7 p.m. Rogers Center. Free.

20 – Merrimack Valley Philharmonic Orchestra Pops Concert 7:30 p.m. Rogers Center. Family concert –Tickets: \$12 in advance, \$10 seniors and students in advance \$15 at the door. Prelude reception in the McCoy Art Gallery prior to performance features art exhibit, refreshments. \$20 each, reservations required.

OCTOBER

2 – Thagaste Symposium
"Faith of Scientists: Inspirations from Gregor Mendel, Augustinian Father of Genetics" featuring Professor Warren Kay, Religious Studies, Merrimack College, and Professor Kenneth Miller of Brown University. Call 978-837-5217 for information.

4 – Tambakos Video Competition presents: "Nosferatu" 8 p.m. Rogers Center. Live soundtrack accompaniment provided by Tiger Saw. Free.

4, 5, 6 – Homecoming/Family Weekend.

5 – "New Wave Vaudeville", 2 p.m. Rogers Center. Family entertainment– Tickets: \$10 each or family four pack for \$35.

5 – "A Child of Life," 8 p.m. Rogers Center. The story of life of Kahlil Gibran. All tickets \$20.

6 – Piano Recital, David and Permelia Sears, 3 p.m. Rogers Center. Tickets \$5.

13 – Treble Chorus of New England concert featuring Sir David Wilcox, 3 p.m. Rogers Center. For reservations, call 978-837-5462.

13 – "Augustine: A New Play" by William Hathaway. 7 p.m., Rogers Center, Free.

17-19 – "Paddy on the Road, the Times and life of Christy Moore", presented by the Dubblejoint Theater from Belfast, Ireland. 8 p.m. Rogers Center. Tickets: \$10.

22 – "Tres Vidas", 7 p.m. Rogers Center. Chamber Music theater for singing actress and chamber music trio. Tickets: \$12 in advance; \$10 seniors and students. All tickets at door: \$15.

23 – Tambakos Film Collection Classical Movie Series presents: "Breakfast at Tiffany's." 7 p.m. Rogers Center. Free.

24 – Glenn Miller Orchestra 7 p.m. Rogers Center. Tickets \$20 in advance; \$18 for seniors and students; All tickets at door \$22. Prelude reception in the McCoy Art Gallery prior to performance features art exhibit, refreshments. \$20 each, reservations required.

25 – First Merrimack College Poetry Slam, 7 p.m. Rogers Center. Cheer and support local young poets. Free.

26 – Alison Brown, internationally recognized banjoist. 8 p.m. Rogers Center. Tickets \$18 in advance/\$15 seniors and students in advance. All tickets at door: \$20.

27 – Andover Chamber Music Series presents: Family Concert "Tough Turkey in the Big City" by Bruce Adolph. 4 p.m. Rogers Center. For tickets, call: 978-474-6222 or visit www.andoverchambermusic.org.

28 – Art Buchwald presented by Friends of Merrimack, 7 p.m., Rogers Center. For more information, see page 16. For tickets, call 978-837-5355.

NOVEMBER

1 – Tiger's Baku featuring Tiger Okoshi" and Bobby Keyes & Lucky Stereo – Jazz Concert. 8 p.m. Rogers Center. Tickets: \$12 in advance/\$10 seniors and students in advance. All tickets at door: \$15.

2 – "Trout Fishing in America", Family entertainment–Original brand of folk-pop and children's music. 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Rogers Center. Tickets \$10 each or family four pack for \$35.

3 – Merrimack Valley Philharmonic Orchestra. 2:30 p.m. Rogers Center. For tickets, call 978-685-3505. Prelude reception in the McCoy Art Gallery prior to performance features art exhibit, refreshments. \$20 each, reservations required.

8, 9 – Merrimack College On-Stagers Dramatic Society presents "Rehearsal for Murder." December 8 at 8 pm., December 9 at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Tickets: \$8 general admission. \$5 students and employees. All tickets at door \$10.

10 – Fred Hersch, piano concert. 3 p.m. Rogers Center. Tickets: \$12 in advance/\$10 in advance for seniors and students; All tickets at door \$15.

15 – A Cappella Night, a variety of a cappella entertainment, including Merrimack College faculty member Anna Choi, 7 p.m. Rogers Center. All tickets \$5.

17 – Andover Chamber Music Series presents: THE GYPSY SPIRIT at 4 p.m. For tickets, call 978-474-6222 or visit www.andoverchambermusic.org.

21, 22, 23 – Pentucket Players presents: "Funny Girl," Nov. 21 at 8 p.m.; Nov. 22 at 8 p.m. and Nov. 23 at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Rogers Center. For tickets, call 978-521-9259.

24 – Merrimack College Concert Choir presents a seasonal concert. 4 p.m. Rogers Center.

27-Dec. 1 – Thanksgiving recess.

DECEMBER

5 – Alumni Christmas Party, Bay Tower Room, Boston.

6, 7, 8 – New England Civic Ballet presents: "Nutcracker." Dec. 6 at 7:30 p.m.; Dec. 7 at 2 p.m and 7:30 p.m. and Dec. 8 at 11:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. For tickets, call 978-975-0289.

11 – Friends of Merrimack Holiday Party, Cascia Hall.

12 – "A Celtic Christmas," a traditional Irish program of music, song and dance featuring Irish Storyteller Tomaseen Foley. 7p.m. Rogers Center. Tickets in advance \$20/\$18 seniors and students. All tickets at door: \$22. Prelude reception in the McCoy Art Gallery prior to performance features art exhibit, refreshments. \$20 each, reservations required.

13 – New England Classical Singers present: "CAROLS and LULLABIES." 8 p.m. Rogers Center. For tickets, call 978-474-6090 or visit www.newenglandclassical.org.

14 – Treble Chorus of New England. 7 p.m. Rogers Center. For tickets, call 978-837-5462.

15 – Merrimack Valley Philharmonic Orchestra Christmas Concert. 2:30 p.m. Rogers Center. For tickets, call 978-685-3505. Prelude reception in the McCoy Art Gallery prior to performance features art exhibit, refreshments. \$20 each, reservations required.

24-Jan. 1 – Christmas recess (college closed).

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For ticket information on programs at the Rogers Center, please call the Rogers Center Box Office at 978-837-5355.

We hope you can join us this season !

WAYS OF GIVING

Bequests can accomplish your philanthropic goals.

Throughout history, the health of charitable organizations, in fact the very existence of many, has been due in large part to the vision of individuals who established a bequest. Why? Because these people wanted to help create opportunities for future generations and preserve their most closely held personal values.

Merrimack College is no exception. We have received bequests that have become a permanent part of our endowment, have expressed personal values and honored loved ones. The following sample bequest language can give you an idea of what you can accomplish:

"I give and bequeath to the trustees of Merrimack College, in North Andover, Massachusetts, the sum of \$_____ (or _____% of my residuary estate), and I request that said



funds be invested and the income there from to be used for the award of scholarships to students from the state of New York. This scholarship shall be awarded in the name of my mother, Jane Smith. The College may give preference to students who are pursuing a degree in the Liberal Arts, but this preference is not mandatory." *

Let us know if you remembered Merrimack in your will. We'd love to thank you now and welcome you to our Tagastan Society. Otherwise, if you would like language on how to memorialize a family member, or support a cause that has special meaning to you, please contact Elizabeth Magliozzi, director of gift & estate planning, at 1-800-210-8695 or 1-978-837-5136. Or, you may complete and send in the form below.

* This is not legal advice.

Always check with your attorney when updating your will.

Merrimack College Office of Institutional Advancement
C/o Elizabeth Magliozzi, 315 Turnpike Street, N. Andover, MA 01845

Yes! Please send me information on how to remember Merrimack in my/our will.

☐ I have already included Merrimack College in my estate plans through
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